

## House Resolution No. 1424

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud to recognize an outstanding individual who has brought exceptional dedication and commitment to the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

**Whereas**, Corrections Officer I Tomas Rodriquez of the Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center (FRDC) in Fulton, Missouri, will be presented the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award on April 11, 2003, at the FRDC; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award recognizes and honors employees who have stepped in and taken extraordinary actions to save the lives of other persons, be it colleagues, visitors, or offenders, in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, on the evening of October 19, 2002, CO I Rodriquez was working in the control center at the FRDC with another officer who began to choke on a piece of food; and

**Whereas**, CO I Rodriquez quickly realized that his colleague was in distress and utilized his training in CPR and First Aid to perform the necessary abdominal thrusts that dislodged the food from his colleague's throat; and

**Whereas**, CO I Rodriquez's performance of his duties reflects the dedication, pride, and professionalism which he has brought to his many assignments since joining the Missouri Department of Corrections on May 20, 2002; and

**Whereas**, a graduate of Davenport Central High School in Davenport, Iowa, where he was a member of the football team that won the State Championship in 1978, CO I Rodriquez worked as a machinist for twenty-two years before finding employment with the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

**Whereas**, a member of the Moose Lodge in Iowa, CO I Rodriquez considers himself most fortunate for the continual love and support of his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife of ten years, Joyce; his two stepsons, Tim and Russell; and his five step-grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join together with Director Gary B. Kempker and the Missouri Department of Corrections in a thunderous round of applause for CO I Tomas Rodriquez at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Corrections Officer I Tomas Rodriquez of Fulton, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Danie Moore  
District No. 20

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1424, adopted April 7, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker